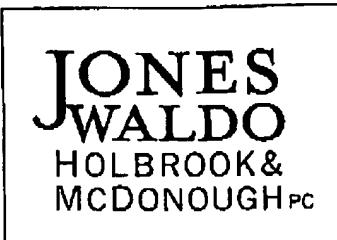


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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed May 13, 2005, for which Applicants have been given a one-month extension of time to June 13, 2005, in which to reply.

On 29 March 2005, a telephonic interview was had in which the following persons participated:

1.	Melanie Yu	3.	Christopher Lloyd
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No exhibit was shown and no demonstration was conducted.

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The Claims discussed were 21-26 and 53.

Prior art discussed was Powers et al. and Hudson et al.

An agreement with respect to the claims was not reached.

Applicants argued that Hudson teaches an HPMP, and does not teach covalently tethered ligands. However, Examiner relies upon Hudson for the step of separating bound analyte from non-binding components, and does not rely upon Hudson for linkers bound to a photostable linker. Applicants also argued that Powers does not teach a photostable linker, but the linkers exemplified in Powers are the same as the photostable linkers exemplified in the instant application. Therefore the linkers taught by Powers would inherently be photostable.

Respectfully submitted,



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